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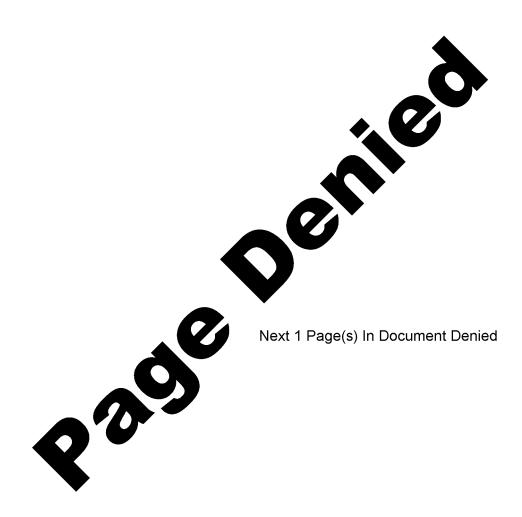
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Venezuelan Airline Office and New York Consulate Bombed

The office of Venezuela's VIASA airlines in Miami, Florida, was damaged by an explosion on 23 December. The blast, which occurred shortly after midnight, broke windows and doors and ripped a large hole in one wall; no injuries were reported. The VIASA office is located in a complex which includes a bus terminal, travel firms and airline offices. Several hours before the explosion, VIASA's first scheduled flight since the early 1960's between the United States and Cuba took off from Chicago. During the last year Cuban exile terrorists said they would sabotage Venezuelan planes if Orlando Bosch was not released from prison in Venezuela.

On 26 December an explosion in New York City broke windows on several floors of a building where the Venezuelan consulate is located. A window and the front door of the consular offices were damaged but, as in the earlier Miami incident, no injuries were reported. Shortly after the explosion a man called the Associated Press and claimed that Omega Seven, a violent anti-Castro group, was responsible for the consulate explosion. He said the bombing was in protest against Venezuela's jailing of Bosch. On the following day the Venezuela defense minister said his country will not be cowed by threats and that the trial of Bosch for his role in the destruction of a Cubana airliner 50X1-HUM will continue its normal course in 50X1-HUM the military courts.

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Two Syrian embassy employees were killed on 31 December by a bomb which detonated in an embassy car in downtown London. The victims were Jawat Awad, a medical attache, and Sayez Shibly, an embassy chauffeur. The explosion demolished the car and smashed windows only a few blocks from Piccadilly, the traditional "heart of empire" site of New Year's celebrations. The intersections in the area were jammed with people when the bomb went off.

The head of Scotland Yard's antiterrorist squad said the approximately one-pound bomb made a shambles of the Syrian embassy car. He refused to speculate about a political motive for the bombing but a special alert was ordered at London's Heathrow Airport, with particular attention to flights bound for the Middle East.

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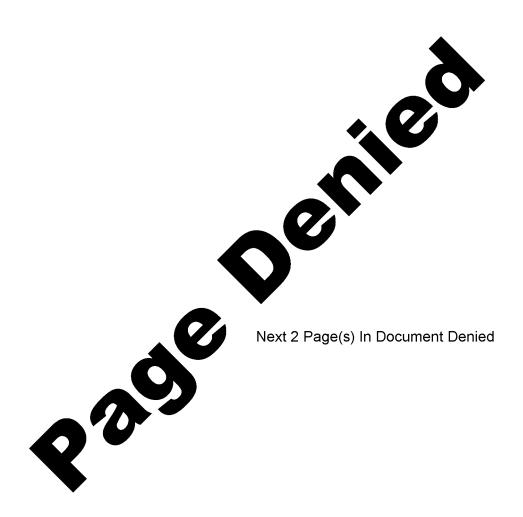
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| | French Hostages Released by the Polisario Front | |
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were taken from a mining facility and in November two others were kidnaped while on a railroad inspection tour. 50X1-HUM On 14 December after almost two months of negotiations, the planned release of the hostages to Waldheim at the U.N. mission in Algiers was announced by Polisario and Algerian officials. In a Paris press conference several members of the group said they had all been held at Algerian military bases and had been beaten when two of them had attempted to escape. The guerrillas had hoped to use the hostages as a first step in obtaining official French recognition of the Polisario Front.

guerrillas in two raids in Mauritania. In May six hostages

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Date:

23 December 1977

Place:

United States,

Miami

VIASA Airlines Offices Bombed in Miami

On 23 December a bomb exploded in the Miami office of Venezuela's VIASA airlines. The explosion broke windows and doors and ripped a hole in one wall. No injuries were reported. The incident occurred only hours after VIASA's first scheduled flight between the United States and Cuba since the 1960's took off from Chicago. No person or group has claimed responsibility for the incident.

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Date:

25 December 1977

Place:

France, Paris

TWA Offices Damaged in Paris Bombing Incident

On 25 December a bomb exploded at a Paris nightclub located in the same building as the TWA offices. The bomb had been placed near the entrance of the club which is diagonally across from the TWA ticket office entrance. Several of the airline's offices were heavily damaged and windows were broken. One person, an employee at the club, was thrown to the ground and sustained cuts from flying glass.

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Date:

26 December 1977

Place:

United States.

Venezuelan Consulate in New

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detonated in the offices of the Venezuelan consulate in New York. The blast broke windows in the consulate and on several other floors of the building in which the consulate offices are located. No injuries were reported. A caller to the Associated Press claimed the Omega Seven, a violent anti-Castro group, was responsible.

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Date:

29 December 1977

Place:

Iran, Tehran

Explosion at English Language Center

On 29 December an explosion at the Iran-American Society center resulted in heavy damage to the property and injured three people. The center is used to teach the English language and is located six blocks from the U.S. embassy A statement left at in Tehran. the UPI offices said "Iran cannot welcome a man who is pushing the world toward war and misery." Speculation is that the incident was to protest President Carter's visit to Iran. No group has claimed responsibility.

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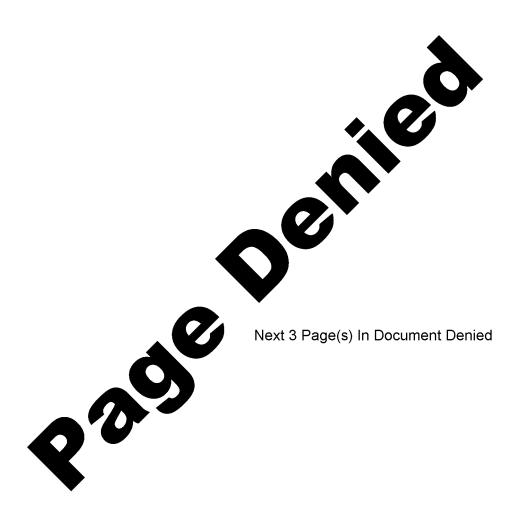
United Kingdom, England, London Turkish Bank in London Bombed
A bomb exploded in the London
office of a Turkish bank on
3 January. The blast shattered
windows and ignited a small fire.
No injuries were reported. The
New Armenian Resistance group
claimed responsibility.

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On 3 January a bomb exploded in
a building housing the offices 3 January 1978 Date: Belgium, Brussels Place: of the financial section of the Turkish embassy. The building received serious property damage but no injuries were reported.
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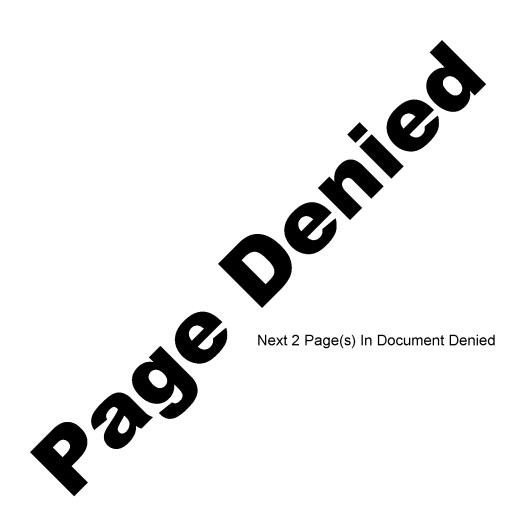
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| Colombian-Cuban Treaty on Hijacking | |
| President Lopez of Colombia has signed a hijacking treaty with Cuba. It will become effective upon approval by the Colombian legislature. The treaty sets down the responsibilities of each party in the event that an aircraft or vessel of one country is hijacked or forcefully misdirected to the territory of the other country. Highlights of the treaty: provisions for the arrest and detention of responsible persons; assurance that the aircraft or vessel will be permitted to continue its interrupted flight or voyage with complete crew, all passengers, the entire cargo, etc., as well as ransom money (if any); the country that must return or try the hijacker may take into consideration strictly political motives and the circumstances in which the act was committed and abstain from deporting the responsible person or trying him provided that there was no economic extortion or injury to the crew, passengers, or other persons. The treaty will be in force for five years and may be renewed at the end of this period. Either party may cancel participation by presenting a statement to that effect six months 50X1-in advance. | |
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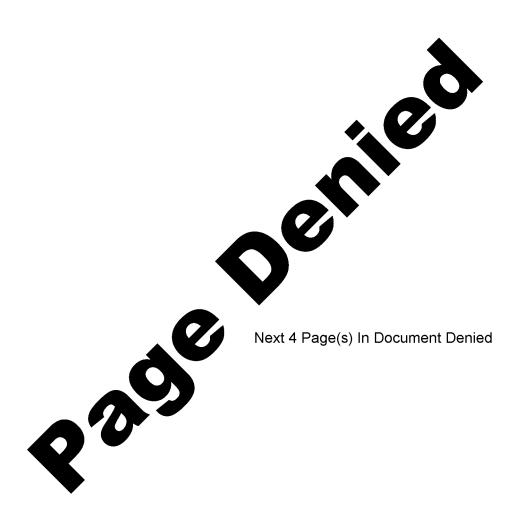
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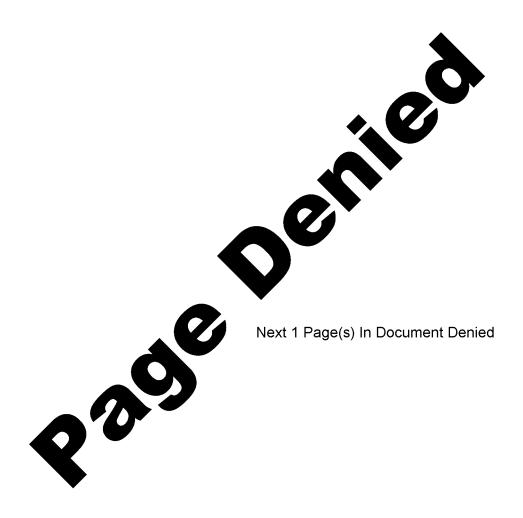
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Lawyer Smuggled Guns for Stammheim Suicides

At a press conference on 12 January, West Germany's chief federal prosecutor said that a radical lawyer had smuggled into prison the pistols which Andreas Baader and Jan-Carl Raspe used to commit suicide. Baader and Raspe shot themselves in their Stammheim prison cells on 18 October. On the same day fellow prisoner Gudrun Ensslin hanged herself from a window frame, and a fourth Baader-Meinhof/Red Army Faction terrorist, Irmgard Moeller, attempted to kill herself with a bread knife. Five days earlier hijackers had taken over a Lufthansa jet and, among their demands, called for the freedom of the four Stammheim prisoners. The hijacking came to an end, and with it the prisoners' hopes for early release, when German commandos stormed the aircraft in Somalia on 17 October.

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According to the prosecutor, the pistols had been carried into the court building of the Stammheim maximum security complex in Stuttgart by Arndt Moeller, a lawyer arrested last summer on suspicion of assisting an illegal organization. The transfer of the weapons, hidden in stacks of hollowed out documents, was allegedly made in the spring of 1977. Another defense lawyer, Armin Newerla, who is also in custody smuggled explosives into the prison in the same manner.

The FRG obviously hopes to lay to rest allegations that the Stammheim "political prisoners" were murdered by German authorities. However, Irmgard Moeller, the lone survivor, managed to keep the controversy going when earlier this week she denied that she and her comrades had made a pact to kill themselves.

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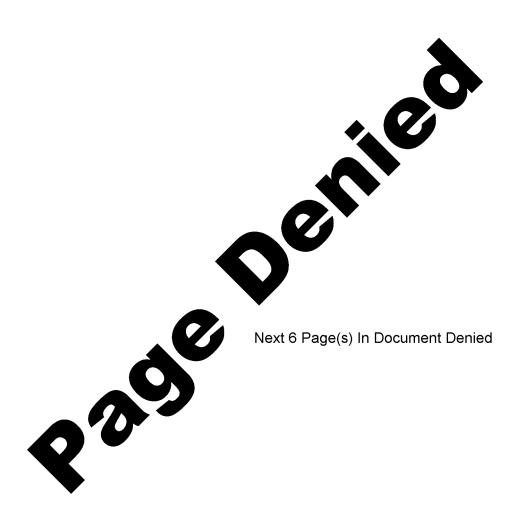
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| | Moslem rebels attacked their truck co landmine. The ambush took place on t island of Basilan in the Sulu Archipe police, eight other civilians, mostly Goodrich Company, were wounded when a after the explosion. | he southern Philippine lago. According to employees of the B.F. |
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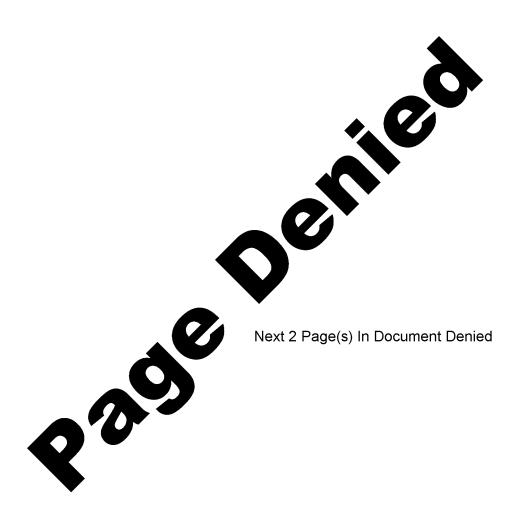
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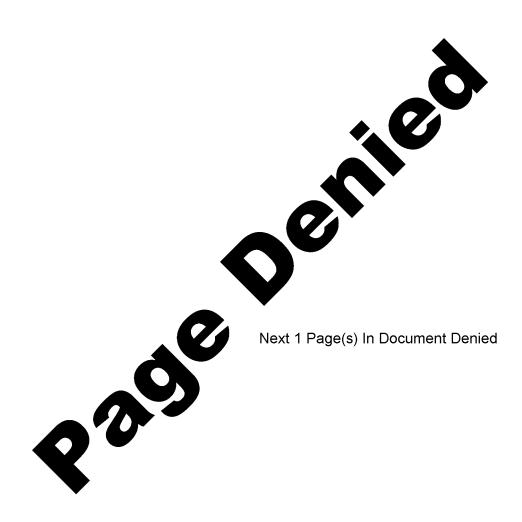
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| | Threat Letter Auth | nors Sentenced in Taiwan | |
| | Six members of (TPLF) were convic | of the Taiwan People's Liber tted of sending threatening | ration Front letters to U.S. |
| | firms in Taiwan ar | nd of other subversive active stified that their plans had | vities. During |
| | blowing up the Tai | pei Hilton Hotel and the US | SIS building. |
| | | sidered the possibility of lother foreign nationals. | |
| | | ences at the Taiwan Garrise 17 January: TAI Hua-Kang, | |
| | ment; LAI Ming-Lie | ch, 15 years imprisonment and rights; LIU Kuo-Chi, 12 | nd eight years |
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Date:

19 January 1978

Place:

West Germany, Berlin

Egyptian Travel Agency Bombed in Berlin

On 19 January an explosion damaged the entrance, windows and office furniture of the Egypt Travel Agency in Berlin. Offices on either side of the agency were also damaged but no one was injured. A fire which resulted from the explosion was quickly extinguished. "The Anti-Imperialistic Fighters for a Free Palestine" claimed responsibility for the attack in a letter to the Berlin po-50X1-HUM lice.

Date:

21 January 1978

Place:

Greece,

Thessalonika

Time Bombs Damage American Offices in Thessalonika On 21 January time bombs caused heavy damage at two American offices in Thessalonika shortly before the scheduled arrival, in Athens, of U.S. Secretary of State Vance. The U.S. Information Agency and the American Express Bank and travel agency were targets of the pre-dawn blasts. Though damage was extensive at both locations there were no injuries reported.

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Date:

22 January 1978

Place:

Turkey, Ankara

U.S. Cultural Center in

Ankara Bombed

On 22 January an explosive device was thrown into the U.S. Cultural Center in Ankara. The only damage was broken windows. No personal injuries were reported.

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Date:

22 January 1978

Explosion at the Turkish-American Association Building

in Ankara

Place: Turkey, Ankara On 22 January a bomb detonated in front of the Turkish-American Association building in Ankara. The blast went off between two walls which separate the building from the street. Damage consisted of broken windows; no injuries resulted.

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Date:

22 January 1978

Place:

Turkey, Ankara

Explosion at French Cultural

Center in Ankara
On 22 January the French Cultural Center in downtown Ankara was bombed. Damage was limited to broken windows; no injuries were reported.

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Date:

23 January 1978

Place:

France, Paris

Industrialist Kidnaped in Paris On 23 January one of Europe's leading industrialists was kidnaped from his chauffeur-driven limousine in Paris. Baron Edouard-Jean Empain, who heads the French-Belgian Empain-Schneider industrial group, was abducted as he was leaving his home. A group of armed men, using trucks and a motorcycle to stop the car, drove off with Empain in the backseat of his own car. The chauffeur was attacked when he tried to resist being dragged into a van; he was later released on the outskirts of Paris. Several calls to authorities have been received

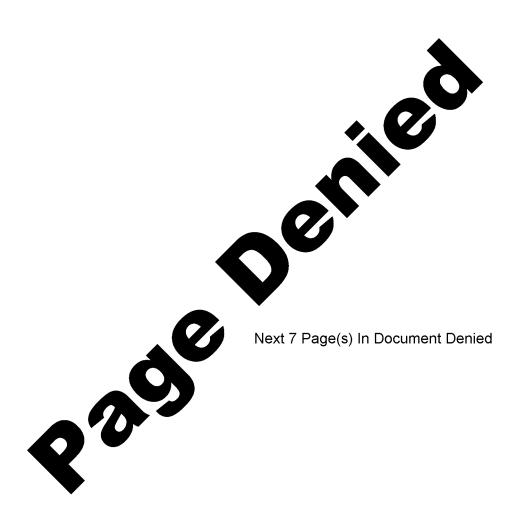
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from persons claiming to be
the kidnapers. Two such calls,
to a radio station and newspaper, identified the "Armed
Nucleus for Popular Autonomy"
as being responsible for the
kidnaping. These callers demanded the release of two members of the Baader-Meinhof gang
imprisoned in West Germany and
of one of their members in prison
in France. 50X1-HUM

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